

Remarks

Restriction

A restriction requirement was made by the Examiner between:

Group I

Claims 1 – 10;

Group II

Claims 11 - 21; and

Group III

Claims 22 - 30.

The Examiner asserts that the restriction is proper under M.P.E.P. §806.05(c) as directed to a distinct combination and subcombination.

Applicants accede to the Examiner's determination of distinctness and hereby elect the Group II set of claims for examination. The Group I and Group III claims are withdrawn and will be cancelled upon allowance of the present application.

Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully maintain that Claims 11 - 21 are properly in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to take action consistent therewith and pass this application on to issuance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' Attorney, at the telephone number provided below, in regard to any matter that the Examiner may identify that might be resolved through a teleconference with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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